

MIAMI COUNTY COUNCIL  
25 NORTH BROADWAY  
PERU, INDIANA 46970  
April 16, 2013

Council President Ralph Duckwall called the meeting to order and Councilman Wiles led the group in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

All members are present.

**COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

**MINUTES**

Councilman McAuliffe made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilman Hunt 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 7-0.

**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS/TRANSFERS**

**CLERK PERPETUATION FUND**

Clerk Tawna Leffel-Sands asked the Council to appropriate \$4,543 out of her perpetuation fund to help pay for the CSI contract. Councilman Hunt made a motion to approve the request. Councilwoman Mull 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 7-0.

**COUNCIL ACTION**

Assessor Sara McAuliffe requested an ordinance to create the Property Tax Assessment Audit Fund. Mrs. McAuliffe has hired a firm to do audits on Personal Property. If the firm finds that a taxpayer has under reported they can go back three years to get what should have been paid which will go into this fund. The company charges for each audit but cannot charge more than what is in the fund. Councilman Boyer asked what they charge for an audit and Mrs. McAuliffe stated she believed it is \$750. Councilman Boyer said that they should revisit that because he thought that was an excessive amount. Mrs. McAuliffe said she is just trying to ensure that everyone is paying their fair share. Mrs. McAuliffe reminded Councilman Boyer that he approved her hiring the company when he was a Commissioner. Councilman Boyer said he remember that but he didn't think it was that high.

Councilman Wiles made a motion to pass the ordinance creating the fund and to have Council President Duckwall sign it and the Auditor attest to it. Councilwoman Mull 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 6-1 (Boyer)

**PTABOA BOARD APPOINTMENT**

Assessor McAuliffe informed the Board that she was in need of another appointment to the PTABOA Board and would like for them to appoint Gary Hawley. Councilman Boyer made a motion to appoint Gary Hawley to the PTABOA Board. Councilman Hunt 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 7-0.

**CEMETERY FUND**

The Cemetery Board is collecting donations to help work on the cemeteries and the Auditor needs an ordinance to create a fund to put the money in. Councilwoman Mull made a motion to have the attorney create an ordinance to be signed by President Duckwall and attested by the Auditor to create a fund for the Cemetery Board. Councilman McAuliffe 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 7-0.

Councilwoman Mull commended the Cemetery Board for all their hard work.

**BUDGET HEARINGS**

Councilman McAuliffe made a motion for budget hearings to be held August 27, 28 and 29 from 8:30 to 4:00 on Tuesday and Wednesday and ending at noon on Thursday the 29<sup>th</sup>. Councilman Boyer 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 7-0.

## **COUNCIL DISCUSSION**

None

## **REQUEST FOR AUDIENCE**

### **9-1-1 and SHERIFF**

Cliff Gardner, 9-1-1 Director and Sheriff Tim Miller explained to the Council that due to issues they are having with the SYSCO system and the company being bought out, they have been researching what other systems are out there. The City of Peru has been with the SYSCO system since 1999 and Central Dispatch has been on it since 2003. The System was bought out in 2011 and the fear is that they will force the County to go with their new system because they will not be able to support the current system.

After researching different options both of them were very impressed with the software offered by Spillman. Spillman has done 1100 projects and never had an implementation fail. Spillman has never been bought or sold and is known as proactive rather than reactive.

Mr. Gardner and Sheriff Miller have worked with the City of Peru to find the best option and the City has agreed to help with the purchase of the system. The initial one-time cost would be approximately \$583,080 with the City paying \$202,613 and the County \$395,183. The estimated yearly maintenance would be \$66,930 with the City paying \$24,120 and the County \$42,810. The system would take approximately 8 – 10 months to implement. All updates are included in the maintenance cost which other companies charge you for major updates. The maintenance will be held at the same rate for the 1<sup>st</sup> 5 years and years 6 through 10 will only increase no more than 5%. This would be a huge saving as well.

Councilwoman Mull asked about the implementation period. Implementation will take approximately 8 – 10 months.

Councilman Boyer asked about life expectancy and Mr. Gardner said there is no end date. Clerk Tawna Leffel-Sands stated that this system would help her office tremendously. Councilman Wiles asked about the possibility of receiving a grant. No one was sure of a time frame that would be advantageous to filing for a grant.

It was suggested that a group get together to look at possible funding options before the next meeting.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Councilwoman Harp informed the group that she had spent the day at the jail during the demonstration of the CAD system and thought it was an amazing system.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Councilman McAuliffe made a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Mull 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 7-0.

Respectfully submitted

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Jane Lilley  
Miami County Auditor